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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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CONNECTIONS IN THE SHAPE OF BAND-TYPE CLIPS"

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SIR:

20 In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is
requested that a citation and examination of the references listed on the attached
Form PTO-1449 be made during the course of the examination of the above-
identified application.

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25 In the International Search Report of September 20, 2000 (copy attached),
French Reference 2 408 211 was cited in Category X, and this corresponds to
German 27 49 392. Both of these references are attached herewith for the
Examiner's review.

Also cited in the International Search Report were six U.S. Patents in Category A. These are U.S. Patent Nos. 3,885,203; 4,212,047; 4,266,260; 4,984,125; 5,388,023 and 5,768,082. Copies of these six U.S. Patents are also attached herewith. It is also noted that these six U.S. Patents were also discussed on pages 1, 2 and 4 of the Substitute Specification, which distinguishes the claimed invention over the teachings of the six references.

The Substitute Specification also mentioned U.S. Patent No. 5,633,777 on page 4. A copy of that U.S. Patent is also attached herewith.

In addition, the Substitute Specification, on page 2 in the Background of the Invention, mentions German 196 41 385, which corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,768,082, which was mentioned hereinabove. A copy of German 196 41 385 is attached herewith.

It is also the undersigned attorney's understanding that a German Search Report, in addition to citing the above-mentioned German Reference 196 41 385, also cited German References 34 10 610; 43 18 366; 44 26 591; 195 28 140; and German Gebrauchsmuster 7114566. Copies of these references are also attached herewith. Applicants do not have translations of these German References, but note that German 43 18 366 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,388,023, which was mentioned hereinabove.

In addition to these references, applicants are also attaching European 0 378 963 and its corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,142,194 and German 2 103 007. It is

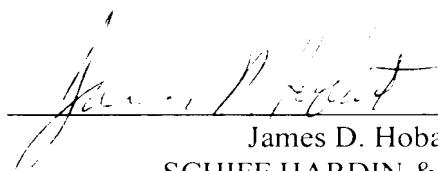
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respectfully submitted that the claims presented in the Preliminary Amendment are patentable over the teachings of these 18 references and are allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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